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WASHINGTON, January 11, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the holiday week ended January 6 totaled 289,134, down 1.1 percent from the comparable week of 1989 but 26.1 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 4.1 percent in the West but down 5.9 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, grain loadings were up 4,892 cars (19.5 percent), and coal loadings were up 7,618 cars (7.3 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 6,934 cars (48.8 percent).

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 91,719 trailers and/or containers for the week ended January 6, up 6.2 percent from the comparable week of 1989.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 6 totaled 16.7 billion, 0.6 percent above the comparable week of 1989.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 6, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 6, 1990	SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,961	25,069	19.5 %	24,789	20.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,776	2,205	25.9	1,640	69.3
Metallic Ores	16,302	20,120	-19.0	17,423	-6.4
Coal	111,646	104,028	7.3	79,620	40.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	9,932	9,759	1.8	6,568	51.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,248	8,769	-17.3	5,990	21.0
Grain Mill Products	9,275	9,410	-1.4	8,386	10.6
Food & Kindred Products	7,964	7,843	1.5	6,421	24.0
Primary Forest Products	8,111	9,572	-15.3	5,604	44.7
Lumber & Wood Products	5,204	5,469	-4.8	4,778	8.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,013	11,693	-5.8	9,765	12.8
Chemicals	25,515	25,260	1.0	21,115	20.8
Petroleum Products	4,458	4,383	1.7	3,733	19.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,669	8,161	-6.0	6,125	25.2
Coke	5,463	5,728	-4.6	5,411	1.0
Metals & Products	8,287	8,424	-1.6	7,150	15.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	7,279	14,213	-48.8	6,201	17.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	6,065	6,782	-10.6	4,610	31.6
All Other Carloads	4,966	5,515	-10.0	3,909	27.0
Total	**289,134**	**292,403**	**-1.1 %**	**229,238**	**26.1 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 6, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 1 WEEK ENDING JANUARY 6, 1990		
TRAFFIC	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**289,134**	**292,403**	**-1.1 %**	**289,134**	**292,403**	**-1.1 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	48,474	48,758	-.6	48,474	48,758	-.6
Containers	43,245	37,586	15.1	43,245	37,586	15.1
Total	**91,719**	**86,344**	**6.2**	**91,719**	**86,344**	**6.2**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**16.7**	**16.6**	**.6 %**	**16.7**	**16.6**	**.6 %**

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